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Strategic Plan for Enhancing Energy Efficiency and Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Homes, Buildings, Districts and Neighborhoods

The Washington State Legislature has directed the Department of Commerce to develop this strategic plan. This web site has been established to help facilitate this process. The enabling legislation provides direction for the development of this strategic plan including a detailed scope and direction for public participation.

Enabling Legislation [RCW 19.27A.150](#) and [RCW 19.27A.160](#)

The strategic plan will be developed in three phases. First a series of webinars and workgroup meetings will be scheduled to inform the development of the plan and provide an opportunity broad public input (May – July 2010). Second, Commerce will develop a draft strategic plan, (Aug – Sept 2010). Commerce will continue to seek input, but no public meetings will be conducted during this time period. Third, review and revise the draft strategic plan (Oct 2010). Commerce will provide several opportunities to provide input on the draft strategic plan in October.

Broad public involvement on in subject specific areas of this strategic plan will be addressed through a series of webinars and workgroup meetings. Commerce also anticipates providing access to existing reports on specific subjects specifically to solicit public input. This will be supported by a web page that will archive these activities and will provide a method for providing feedback.

The enabling legislation for this strategic plan requires the Department of Commerce and the State Building Code Council (SBCC) to convene a work group with the affected parties to inform the initial development of the strategic plan. To maximize the opportunity for public input, SBCC and Commerce will convene a workgroup that consist of all parties that care to engage in the public process described below.

Opportunities to participate include:

Webinars: Commerce will be holding webinars primarily as a means presenting information to participants. Participants will be able to ask clarifying questions, but the opportunity to provide comment will be somewhat limited.

Workgroup meetings: Workgroup meetings are in-person meetings. The primary function of the in-person meeting is the receiving input from interested parties. Meetings will likely include some presentations that inform the process, but the meetings will primarily be used to take input from the attendees. These meetings will be run by a professional facilitator. **Workgroup meetings will be held at the Seattle Area Pipe Trades Education Center, 595 Monster Road SW, Renton WA**

Reference Materials: Commerce will be developing a reference list of key reports that inform this project. These reports will provide important input to the strategic plan. Participants are encouraged read reports relevant to their areas of interest.

Presentations: Individuals or organizations that would like to provide presentations, reference documents, or other information that can inform this strategic plan are encourage to contact Chuck Murray at the Department of Commerce, 360 725-3113 or chuck.murray@commerce.wa.gov

Meeting Schedule:

Project Schedule as of May 24, 2010			
Topic	Date	Time	Section
Measurement / Targets Webinar	Tuesday, May 18, 2010	12:00 - 1:30 PM	(b)
Aspirational Codes Webinar	Tuesday, June 08, 2010	12:00 - 1:30 PM	(a)
Work Group Workgroup meetings will be held at the Seattle Area Pipe Trades Education Center, 595 Monster Road SW, Renton WA	Thursday, June 10, 2010	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	
Discussion Topics: Measurement / Target and Aspirational Codes			(a), (b)
Performance Based Codes Webinar	Tuesday, June 15, 2010	12:00 - 1:30 PM	(g)
Financial Mechanisms Webinar	Tuesday, June 22, 2010	12:00 - 1:30 PM	(h)
Cost / Benefit Webinar	Tuesday, June 29, 2010	12:00 - 1:30 PM	(k)
Research / Demonstration Webinar	Tuesday, July 06, 2010	12:00 - 1:30 PM	(d)
Work Group	Thursday, July 08, 2010	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	
Discussion Topics: Performance Based Codes, Financial Mechanisms, Costs and Benefits, Research / Demonstration			(g), (h), (k), (d)
Long Term Opportunities / Barriers Webinar	Tuesday, July 13, 2010	12:00 - 1:30 PM	*
Discuss Code Upgrades (Commercial) Webinar	Tuesday, July 20, 2010	12:00 - 1:30 PM	(3)
Discuss Code Upgrades (Residential) Webinar	Tuesday, July 27, 2010	12:00 - 1:30 PM	(3)
Code Training and Enforcement Webinar	Tuesday, August 03, 2010	12:00 - 1:30 PM	c
Subject TBD Webinar	Tuesday, August 10, 2010	12:00 - 1:30 PM	
Work Group	Thursday, August 12, 2010	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	
Discussion Topics: Code Upgrades (Commercial and Residential), Code Training and Enforcement, Long Term Barriers / Opportunities			(3), c
Specialist Meeting: Utility impacts to serving low energy buildings	Date TBD	Time TBD	(f)
Specialist Meeting: Education	Date TBD	Time TBD	(d), (e), (i)